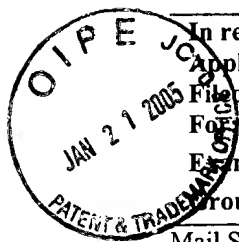


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: Brown et al.
Application No.: 09/197278
Filed: November 20, 1998
For: Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent
Examiner: Vy Q. Bui
Group Art Unit: 3731

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket No.: S63.2B-6769-US01

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, in addition to this 1 page transmittal letter, we are submitting the attached:
4 page Eleventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; 1 page form listing cited references; copy of 2 references; \$180.00 check; Associate Power of Attorney and Postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
☐ No additional fee is required.
☒ Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$180.00
☐ Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.
3. **CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**
This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,

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